

(Washington, D.C.) – U.S. Representative Rush Holt (NJ-12) today hailed the announcement from the U.S. Department of Education that more than \$891 million in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funding now is available for New Jersey. The funding comes from the State Stabilization Fund designed to protect teaching jobs and modernize schools. Holt was with Education Secretary Arne Duncan today when he made the funding announcement in Newark as part of his “Listening and Learning: A Conversation About Education Reform” tour.

“This is good news for New Jersey students and educators. This economic recovery funding will enable school districts to stave off devastating teacher layoffs and to invest in much needed school modernization,” Holt said. “I’m pleased Secretary Duncan could make this announcement while visiting New Jersey, and I will continue to work with him to strengthen our education system, including bolstering our investment in math and science.”

This fall, New Jersey will be eligible to apply for another \$439 million in education funding.

Prior to receiving this funding, New Jersey has received more than \$289 million in education recovery funding, including funding for Title I, IDEA, Vocational Rehabilitation Grants and Independent Living Grants. On April 1, New Jersey received more than \$91 million in Title I funding and \$192 million in IDEA funding. This represents 50 percent of the total Title I and IDEA funding for which New Jersey is eligible. Title I funding figures for individuals can be found at [http://www.nj.gov/education/arra/arra\\_t1\\_prelim.pdf](http://www.nj.gov/education/arra/arra_t1_prelim.pdf).

IDEA funding figures for individual school districts can be found at <http://www.nj.gov/education/arra/idea.pdf>.

The state also has received \$5 million in Vocational Rehab funds and more than \$1 million in Independent Living funds. On April 10, the state received \$240,000 in Impact Aid funding.

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